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Testimony in Support of Raised Bill No. 347

Esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee - Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of Raised Bill No. 347 "An Act Establishing a Program for Court Appointed Special Advocates in Certain Juvenile Court Matters."

Bill No. 347 is NO COST to state budget. Funds needed will be fundraised in the community.

As the daughter of Senator Joseph Crisco, I understand and respect the impact that legislation can make. And as a volunteer advocate for Child Advocates of SW Connecticut, I have seen the positive impact a volunteer advocate can have on the life of an abused or neglected child.

I have worked with 6 children on 4 cases over the last 5 years.

As a volunteer advocate I am able to speak directly with the child, parents, foster parents, attorneys, social workers, school officials, and others involved in the child's life and advocate for each child's individual needs.

I then submit concise written reports to the court.

Most importantly, the children know that I care about them and I am consistently there for them. They know I am volunteering to help them.

Please support Bill No. 347 so more vulnerable children in CT can be served by a volunteer advocate.

Most Sincerely,

Kim Ambrose
Volunteer
Child Advocates of SW Connecticut